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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-47 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-47 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 09 July 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 3/21/05, 5/23/06.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-47 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Woodgate (5,917,562).

Regarding claim 1, Woodgate discloses an autostereoscopic display (see title) comprising:

a pixellated transreflective spatial light modulator comprising at least one first region, at least one second region, and a plurality of pixels (fig.1-2, element 4);
a backlight (fig.1, elements 1-2 and fig.2, element 9);
an arrangement for substantially preventing transmission of light through said at least one first region of said modulator to an autostereoscopic viewing region of said display (fig.1, element 5 shows the details of the spatial light modulator 4 where there is an arrangement of plural preventive transmission elements 5a and 5b); and
a controller for setting at least some of said pixels of said at least one first region to a first predetermined transmissivity and for setting at least some of said pixels of said at least one second region of said modulator to a second predetermined transmissivity less than said first transmissivity (fig.1, element 7).

Note claims 2-3 and 7-22 have similar corresponding elements.

Regarding claims 4-6, Woodgate discloses the parallax element (fig.2, element 11 is between elements 4 and 9).

Regarding claim 23, Woodgate discloses the modulator comprises a liquid crystal device (col.7, ln.42-44).

Regarding claim 24, Woodgate discloses an autostereoscopic display (see title) comprising:

a pixellated transflective spatial light modulator comprising at least one first region, at least one second region, and a plurality of pixels (fig.1-2, element 4);
a backlight (fig.1, elements 1-2 and fig.2, element 9); and
a controller for alternately selecting first and second phases of operation (fig.1, element 7), wherein, during said first phase, said controller sets at least some of said pixels of said at least one first region of said modulator to a first transmissivity and sets said backlight to supply light of a first intensity through at least some of said at least some pixels of said at least one first region, and wherein, during said second phase, said controller sets at least some of said pixels of said at least one second region of said modulator to a second transmissivity less than said first transmissivity and sets said backlight to supply light of a second intensity greater than said first intensity through at least some of said at least some pixels of said at least one second region (fig.1, element 7 is a controller, and fig.1, element 5 shows the details of the spatial light modulator 4 where there is an arrangement of plural preventive transmission elements 5a and 5b).

Note claims 25-28 and 31-46 have similar corresponding elements.

Regarding claims 29-30, Woodgate discloses the parallax element (fig.2, element 11 is between elements 4 and 9).

Regarding claim 47, Woodgate discloses the modulator comprises a liquid crystal device (col.7, ln.42-44).

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Allen Wong whose telephone number is (571) 272-7341. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays to Thursdays from 8am-6pm Flextime.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James J. Groody can be reached on (571) 272-7418. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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